(iv) Allocation of cattle grade feed to Rajasthan;

(v) Free transportation of water and fodder by the Railways;

(vi) One-time drought relief increase in the procurement of various kharif crops;

(vii) Formulation of a scheme with outlay of Rs. 50 crores for providing assistance to cattle camps; and

(viii) Deputation of Teams led by Senior Officers for assessment of the situation.

Sugar Quota in European Union

5117. SHRI MOOL CHAND MEENA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are pressing European Union to open its sugar quota and allow imports of at least one lakh tonnes of the commodity into its member countries;

(b) whether this demand was make by the Agriculture Minister to the EU Trade Commissioner during later's visit to this country;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the EU Government; and

(d) to what extent the EU has agreed on the suggestions made by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (d) The WTO Agreement on Agriculture is presently under negotiations. One of the objectives of India during these negotiations is to seek greater market access for export of Indian agricultural products. As part of the negotiating process India is also making bilateral/pluri-lateral efforts with vairous countries/groups of countries to attain its objective of greater market access. India is having discussions with different countries including European Union (EU) on various aspects of agricultural trade. India has sought greater market access for its agricultural products in the international market. The negotiations on Agreement on Agriculture are continuing.

Effect of Climate Change on Agriculture

5118. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA :

SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to study the impact of climate change on agriculture in view of long bout of freak whether in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of measures need to be adopted to protect hilly areas, coastal eco-system, fisheries and rainfed crops?